

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment adds new claims 35-38. New claim 35 is drawn to the homogeneous, thermoreversible gel film of claim 1, wherein the gel film does not contain a plasticizer. Support for claim 35 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 10, first paragraph. New claim 36 is drawn to a homogeneous, thermoreversible gel film consisting of a film forming amount of a water soluble thermoreversible alginate, flavorant and water. New claim 37 is drawn to a gel film of claim 36, wherein the flavorant is corn syrup. Support for new claims 36 and 37 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 14, last paragraph and page 15, first paragraph. New claim 38 is drawn to soft capsules comprising capsule walls and an encapsulated substance, wherein the capsule walls comprise the gel films in any one of claims 35-37. Support for claim 38 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 5, last paragraph. No new matter has been added.

An early and favorable Office Action is requested.

A check in the amount of 104.00 for additional claim fees is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, that may associated with this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

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